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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Please consider the SENIOR Citizens living on a fixed income..

Speaking for me and my husband, we can NOT afford this rate increase, my SS Check only increased by \$7.00...

I am taking care of a sick husband, who suffered a Stroke, and has many medical bills WE HAVE TO PAY...and I am the Primary care provider with NO help.

We live our life very frugally now, we have no dinners out, movies, shows or EXTRAS.. we just cover the basics without going on WELFARE...

Our car is 10 years old and we will have to keep this car forever.

We live a very low energy life, and don't run any appliance or light more than necessary.... THIS RATE INCREASE WILL BE A NOOSE AROUND OUR NECK..... Stop the GREED please....

Sincerely,  
Josette Amaral